

REMARKS

Claim 1 is amended to distinguish the prior art. Non-elected claims are canceled.

Applicants respectfully propose that the limitations of claim 1 as amended are not anticipated or obvious over the cited references. New claims are added without adding any new matter. The new claims are believed to patentably distinguish the references.

If the Examiner requires clarification of any issues raised in this response, the Examiner is invited to call the undersigned at (202) 778-1118.

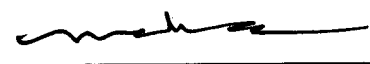
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